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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether demand from Japan for Black Tiger prawn / shrimp has picked up in the last three months;

(b) if so, whether MPEDA is monitoring quality and other aspects of marine exports in this regard;

(c) whether about 250 tonnes of black tiger prawn is being packed for export every day from Andhra Pradesh;

(d) if so, whether there is any possibility of increasing such exports from Andhra Pradesh; and

(e) if so, the details of steps proposed by MPEDA to sustain a high level of exports of tiger prawns from Visakhapatnam?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a) As per the provisional export figures, the exports of Black Tiger Shrimp to Japan during the last three months as compared to the corresponding period of last year, has shown negative growth.

(b) The Marine Export Development Authority (MPEDA) with the help of Export Inspection Council of India (EIC) has laid down standard for handling and processing of marine products. The EIC monitors quality aspects of export consignment of marine products.

(c) to (e) The State-wise figures of marine products processed are not maintained. However, the export of Black Tiger Prawn/Shrimp from Visakapatnam Port in Andhra Pradesh during 2001-02 had been about 17783 tonnes. There are possibilities of increasing such exports from Andhra Pradesh. MPEDA has been extending financial assistance to the exporters of Prawn/Shrimp, including those from Visakhapatnam, through various schemes like new farm development, setting up commercial hatcheries, setting up PCR Labs in hatcheries for diseases diagnosis, effluent treatment system in shrimp farms and establishment of chill room facilities in shrimp/prawn farming areas etc.